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CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CONFERENCE

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Mr. Pitchayaphant CHARNBHUMIDOL (Thailand)

1. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 23 May 1994, the World Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction, in accordance with rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, appointed a Credentials Committee based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, consisting of the following nine members: Austria, Bahamas, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Ecuador, Mauritius, Russian Federation, Thailand and United States of America.

2. The Credentials Committee held one meeting, on 26 May 1994.

3. Mr. Pitchayaphant Charnbhumidol (Thailand) was unanimously elected Chairman of the Committee.

4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General dated 25 May 1994, on the status of credentials of representatives participating in the Conference. Additional information on credentials received by the Secretary-General after the issuance of the memorandum was provided to the Committee by its Secretary.

5. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum of the Secretary-General, as updated by the additional information received, formal credentials issued by the head of State or Government or by the

Minister for Foreign Affairs, as provided for in rule 3 of the rules of procedure, had been received by the Secretary-General for the representatives of the following 45 States participating in the Conference: Algeria, Armenia, Austria, Bolivia, Botswana, Bulgaria, Cameroon, China, Colombia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Gabon, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Holy See, Honduras, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Malawi, Maldives, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Morocco, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Swaziland, Thailand, Tonga, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam and Zambia.

6. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum, as updated by the additional information received, information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the Conference had been communicated by means of facsimile or in the form of letters or notes verbale from ministries, embassies, permanent missions to the United Nations or other government offices or authorities, or through local United Nations offices, by the following 102 States participating in the Conference: Afghanistan, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, Cook Islands, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Hungary, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Netherlands, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Zaire and Zimbabwe.

7. The Chairman proposed that the Committee should accept the credentials of all the representatives mentioned in the memorandum of the Secretary-General, on the understanding that formal credentials for representatives referred to in paragraph 2 of the Secretary-General's memorandum would be communicated to the Secretary-General as soon as possible. The following draft resolution was proposed by the Chairman for adoption by the Committee:

"The Credentials Committee,

"Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the World Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the memorandum of the Secretary-General dated 25 May 1994,

"Accepts the credentials of the representatives concerned."

8. Before adopting the draft resolution, the representative of China sought clarification on several points concerning the credentials, which was provided by the Secretary of the Committee.

9. The draft resolution was then adopted by the Committee without a vote.

10. Subsequently, the Chairman proposed that the Committee should recommend to the Conference the adoption of a draft resolution (para. 11 below). This proposal was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

11. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Conference.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

12. The Credentials Committee recommends to the Conference the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"Credentials of representatives to the World Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction

"The World Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction,

"Having considered the report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendation contained therein,

"Approves the report of the Credentials Committee."